

ing the same, and if of a greater length than three hundred miles, then, at least one hundred miles in addition, shall be so surveyed annually thereafter, until the entire road shall be surveyed. And provided further, that said companies which have a reservation in their charters, shall have the same surveyed within the time above specified for the survey of their routes, and any such Company changing the location of their road, shall not forfeit their previously acquired reserve"—rejected.

The amendments offered by the Judiciary committee, were then adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed,

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Burroughs, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Maverick, Paschal, Potter, Quinan, Russell, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Throckmorton, Truitt, Walker and Wigfall—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Erath, Lott, Martin, Pirkey and Wren—5.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called, quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Quinan presented the memorial of the County Court of Brazoria county ; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Pedigo presented the petition of John E. Mashburn ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Taylor of Houston, Chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill, making an appropriation to pay for the State copies of the 16th and 17th volumes of Texas Reports, correctly enrolled, properly signed, and on yesterday presented to the Governor.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, made the following reports :

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to incorporate the Alamo Rifles, and a majority of the committee

instruct me to return the bill to the Senate, and report that they see no objection to its passage.

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill concerning Bills of Exchange, and a majority of the committee instruct me to return the bill to the Senate, and recommend its passage, with the following amendments :

Amendment 1st. Strike out sections 2 and 4.

Amendment 2d. In section 3, line 15, strike out the word "twenty," and insert "fifteen."

Mr. Stockdale, from the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the city of Indianola, have had the same under consideration, and a majority thereof instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage, with the accompanying amendments :

Amend section 5 by adding the following additional proviso :

"And it is further provided that the said Mayor may hold his Court for the investigation of offences against the criminal laws of the State, of which he has jurisdiction under this act, and of offences against the ordinances of the city corporation hereby established, and for the trial of offenders against said laws and ordinances, at such times and at such places, within said corporation, as he shall appoint ; but the mode of trial, and the proceedings had in said Mayor's Court, shall be the same as they are required to be in a Justice's Court, under the Constitution and laws of this State."

Mr. Pirkey, Chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred a bill donating to Palo Pinto county 320 acres of land for county purposes, reported a substitute therefor, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Quinan, Chairman of the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill to increase the special school fund, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Caldwell introduced a bill to authorize John J. Johnson to keep his mill in operation at a point on the Colorado river opposite block No. 185 ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also a bill for the relief of Wm. Dewoodie ; read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to employ one or more persons to transcribe the Journals of the two Houses of the Legislature ; read first

and second times, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, and the special order of the day was passed over, and the report of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, upon a bill to locate permanently the county seat of Tarrant county offering an amendment thereto, was taken up and read.

Mr. Taylor of Fannin offered a bill to amend the 1st section of an act to authorize the Chief Justice of Tarrant county to order an election to locate the county seat of said county, as a substitute for the bill and amendment.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Dec. 3, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Shepard presented the petition of L. P. Rucker and B. E. Tarver; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Quinan presented the memorial of the Houston Tap and Brazoria Railway Company, and the memorial of certain citizens of Wharton county, asking power to levy a special tax; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Erath presented the petition of Claiborne Varner; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, to which was referred a bill to amend an act to incorporate the town of Rusk, in Cherokee county, reported a bill to consolidate in one act and amend the several acts incorporating the town of Rusk, in Cherokee county, as a substitute, and recommended the adoption of the substitute and passage of the bill.

Mr. Russell, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to incorporate the Columbus, San Antonio and Rio Grande Railway Company—a bill authorizing the Governor to call out mounted volunteers on the south-western frontier—and a bill supplemental to and amendatory of an act to regulate railroad companies, approved Feb. 7, 1853, correctly engrossed.